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## COVER STORY

### The 54th General Conference Session

As I sat in the New Orleans Superdome, listened nightly to the International Festival of missions, and talked with people from all over the world, I realized that we are one big family. Throughout the 54th General Conference Session held in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27-July 6, with over 45,000 in attendance from 184 Countries; my mind turned to the text in Revelation 6:13, 14. "...what are these arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And He said to me, 'These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'"

Every phase of the world session reflected the universality of the church and the common bond that unites regardless of race, geographical boundaries or languages.

The daily devotional speakers came from around the world, yet all spoke of the blessed hope. The speakers were: G.J. Christo, President of the Southern Asia Division; Carlos Aeschlimann, Ministerial Secretary, Inter-American Division; F.W. Wernick, Vice-President, General Conference; Irene McCrary, lay member from California; Jovan Lorencin, President of the Yugoslavian Union Conference and H.M. Wright, President of the Allegheny West Conference.

Throughout the session prayers were offered in a variety of languages, among them; Fijian, Polish, Spanish, German and Pidgin English.

### Music, Music, Music

Music - choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, bands, orchestras, - from all over the world performed at the Session in their various languages and dress. The South African Choir directed by Victor Kwapeng sang the Lord's Prayer in Zulu. The Trinidad Steel Band and the Marimba Band from Mexico gave our hymns a Latin flavor. Among the many other musicians were: The Rainbow Choir from Korea, the Aeolians, the New England Youth Ensemble, Murgur Doroftei, Violinist; Edwina Humphrey, Wintley Phipps, the Pine Forge Academy Choir and Sonoko Mimura, flutist.

### Russian Baritone Captures the Spirit

In my opinion, the most sublime music was rendered by Ivan I. Kosovan, from U.S.S.R. He has a rare, deep baritone vo-

ice. Kosovan was a professional singer in the U.S.S.R. until he became a Seventh-day Adventist. He sang in Russian, but for a moment I felt as if I understood every word. His voice coupled with his experience projected such depth and understanding.

For the first time in the history of the Church we recognized the talents of a number of Adventist artists. The First International Exhibit of Adventist Art was



South African Choir from Bethel College.



Oakwood College Choir - Huntsville.

displayed at the French Market in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This art exhibit was coordinated by Greg Constantine and featured approximately 70 artists from 24 countries.

The GC Session seemed to offer something for everyone. During the week days, women (and some male observers) gathered at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom for "Women for Christ and Humanity". On Tuesday morning the Association of Adventist Women honored Eleanor Hetke, humanitarian; Kathleen K. Zolber, teacher and administrator and Rosa L. Jones, Northeastern's premier Bible Instructor. They were the recipients of the 1985 International Woman of the Year Home/Community Life Award.

### Parade of Nations

On Monday afternoon the city of New Orleans was treated to a parade. Not just an ordinary parade, but one representing over 4.5 million believers in 190 countries.

The parade participants were from all over the world: Cuba, Africa, Eastern Europe, U.S.S.R., Lebanon, Syria, Nicaragua, Tennessee, China, in all there were 2,000 participants marching under the banner of 184 flags.

As I stood among the cheering crowd, I fought back the tears as I saw the Romanian delegation and my friend, Elder Dorolfe, bowed down with age after serving so long and under the most difficult circumstances in Romania. "These are they which came out of great tribulation."

On Wednesday evening, China and the U.S.S.R. were the featured countries of the International Festival of Missions. Both countries working under the most difficult circumstances gave such an inspiring report. Not one word of pessimism entered their mouths. Rather they spoke with confidence and joy, looking anxiously for Christ's second coming.



On Friday night and during the Sabbath services, the Cuban delegation was introduced to the audience. For 26 years they were not allowed to attend the world session, yet they were constantly remembered in the prayers of fellow believers. "These are they which came out of great tribulation."

Donald Gilbert, Assistant Treasurer for the General Conference was elected Treasurer to replace retiring Lance L. Butler. Frank Jones was re-elected as one of the Assistant Treasurers.

Dr. C.B. Rock, President of Oakwood College was elected one of the General Vice Presidents.



Attractions - Breath of Life Quartet.



Praying for the Session with C.D. Brooks.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lindsey and Family  
Treasurer of East Africa Division of SDA.

### Election of Officers

One of the main purposes of the world session is to elect officers and lay plans for the next five years. Elder Neal C. Wilson, was re-elected President of the General Conference. He brings to this post great dedication and skill, having served in Egypt and North America. He was educated in India and California. His father, Neal C. Wilson, Sr. was a missionary for a number of years and served as Vice-President of the North American Division.

G.R. Thompson, Barbadian born minister, was re-elected Secretary of the General Conference.

Division Presidents: North American Division, Charles E. Bradford; Eastern African Division, Bekele Heye; South Pacific Division (formerly Australian Division), W.R.L. Scragg; Euro-African Division, Edwin Ludescher; Inter-American Division, George W. Brown; Trans-European Division, Jan Paulsen; South American Division, Joao Wolff; Southern Asia Division, Far Eastern Division, Ottis C. Edwards; and Africa Indian Ocean Division, J.J. Northey.

A number of blacks continue to serve on the General Conference level. Associate Secretaries: W.S. Banfield, C.D. Brooks, Matthew Bediako, first African appointed

to this position.

Publishing: Robert Smith, Associate Director.

Communications: Owen A. Troy, Associate Director.

Ministerial: W.C. Scales, Associate Director.

Church Ministries Department: A new department created at this session which combines Youth, Personal Ministries, Stewardship and Sabbath School. Frank Holbrook was elected to head this department. Richard Barron, Samuel Meyers and C.L. Brooks will serve as Associates.

Overseas Division—Harry Cartwright, Ministerial Association Secretary, Eastern Division Union.

Union—R.J. Wright, Ministerial Association, East African Union Jason McCracken, serves the South American Division in the Youth Department in Brazil.

### Harvest 90

In closing, how I wish for one brief moment that E.G. White, William Miller and J.N. Andrews and our other pioneers could have witnessed the world session. Their hearts would have leaped for joy.

To us is committed a most sacred trust—preaching the gospel to the world. Harvest 90 is an evangelistic project which is geared to reach every inhabitant on the face of the earth by 1990. To the four corners of the earth we must preach to a world filled with hatred, war, famine, racism, poverty, secularism and materialism. CHRIST IS OUR HOPE.



## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### 3,117 BAPTIZED IN KISII THREE-WEEK CRUSADE

#### Miracle in the Rain

The R.P. Stafford Crusade began on Saturday evening, April 4, 1985, despite the fact it was middle of the rainy season in Kisii, Kenya. Pastor R.P. Stafford, East African Union Ministerial Director, reminded his workers that the Lord would take care of the rain, and their faith was rewarded. Dark, angry clouds loomed overhead as over 2,000 people attended the opening meeting at Gusii Stadium, including the District Commissioner, who gave opening remarks. God held back the rains that night until after the meeting had ended.

During the day for three weeks, Pastor Stafford conducted a field school for the Ministerial Students of Kamagambo Teachers Training College. The 29 students under the direction of Pastor Isa Birye played a major role as the support team of the Crusade. Since the capacity of the ever-increasing crowd could not be contained within the seating stands of the stadium, it became imperative for the students to erect additional shelters. These were made of canvas from tractor trailers, tree limbs and rope. Four of them were constructed in all, but still thousands of people with undampened spirits stood in the rain, determined to hear the word of God.

Each evening at 5:30 as Pastor Berhane, Secretary of South Kenya Conference and Coordinator for the Crusade, organized the service; thousands of people could be seen making their way to the stadium. Some used public service vehicles, coming from neighboring towns while others walked. The service began with a rousing song service led by Bro. Solomon with Mrs. Salzmann accompanying him on the piano. Hearts were uplifted as Mrs. Debrah Stafford sang lovely Negro Spirituals, gospels, and hymns of meditation. The audience was held captivated by the Holy Spirit as Pastor Stafford preached with the power and conviction that only God can provide. That same power was evident in Brother John Nyamwanda while he interpreted the message in Kiswahili for the multitude.

By the time the first Sabbath service for the Crusade was held on April 23rd, the throng of people had amounted to over

10,000. Every available seat in the stands, under the shelters, even on the ground was occupied by men and women of all ages. To the amazement of the citizens of Kisii, who know of no dry days during the rainy season, the sun shone brightly with not a drop of rain in sight. A conscientious screening process instituted by the local pastors and officers of the South Kenya Conference under the leadership of Pastor Ogeto enabled only individuals 14 years of age and older to become baptismal candidates. The 749 precious souls baptized that day were only the first fruits of the miracle that was to be wrought in Kisii. Although it was not the largest baptism held during the series, it was unprecedented in the fact that the Kenya National News Service covered the event. The Seventh-Day Adventist baptism occupied a major portion of the television and radio news that evening. Four additional baptisms were held, bringing the total for the Crusade to 3,117 new Seventh-Day Adventist members.

The blessings continued to flow as the need was felt for another church in Kisii town for the new members. On the last Saturday of the meeting; men, women, boys and girls gave over KSHS 20,000/= toward a new church building. In addition donations of sand, mortar and timber by business men and women were given, amounting to well over KSHS 14,000/=.

During the last lecture of the field school, one of the students posed the question to Pastor Stafford that has been repeated a number of times since then, "Why were so many people baptized?" The Pastor wrote three simple but powerful words on the blackboard that brought thoughtful silence to the classroom. These three words which so clearly explain what is happening in every section of our church were—END OF TIME!

The Holy Spirit is being poured out during these last days of earth's history. The Lord can take care of the rain and perform a miracle at the same time. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

#### ANNUAL SACRIFICE OFFERING

In 1922, following the difficult times of World War II, the world budget of our church was a quarter million dollars short. Could the work go on? Would churches be closed? Workers dismissed? Why not ask the members to sacrifice a full week's wages. Members answered the appeal by giving more than was needed.

Throughout the offering's history this unity of effort and the spirit of sacrifice

have been its distinguishing characteristics. Despite prevailing economic, social or political conditions, church members continue to support the work of the church.

We are being invited to give more than ever before because God's cause is in greater need than ever before. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Our past indicates that we as a people are serious about Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15). We believe that we have been called to proclaim to the world the three angels' message of Rev. 14:6-12.

The Annual Sacrifice Offering program of this church is the responsibility of every member. In 1873 James White stated that, "We have altogether too long made child's play of the message which God has committed to us to give to the people. Let us from this time have our efforts correspond with the magnitude and importance of the work."

Plan now to respond to this urgent call. We appeal to our people everywhere to make this the greatest sacrificial offering ever made by Seventh-day Adventists. Set aside a very special part of God's blessings for this inspiring appeal. We can all give more if we not only plan, but enter into a covenant with God by faith to make this 1985 Annual Sacrifice Offering the largest in the history of the remnant.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Delbert Wayne Baker, the pastor of Allegheny West's second-largest congregation in Dayton, Ohio, accepted a call to become *Message* magazine's new editor. Pastor Baker will replace J. Paul Monk, Jr., recently elected president of the Central States Conference, who had been the *Message* editor for five years.

Baker, a 1975 Oakwood College graduate, is the college's 1985 Alumni of the Year. He went on to complete his Master of Divinity Degree from Andrews University in 1978.

Throughout his ten years of pastoral ministry, Delbert has used his writing skills to prepare various lessons, seminars, articles for Adventist publications, and a set of lessons for new believers, of which he has been blessed with more than 500 during his ministry. Recently he completed a book manuscript on the life and times of William Ellis Foy, a project sponsored by Oakwood College.

Pastor Baker assumed his new responsibilities June 17, at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown.





*Elder Sandy Robinson, Marketing Representative for the Review and Herald addresses congregation during LE Rally.*

**BEREA TEMPLE HOSTS LE'S**

In keeping with the direction to keep the work ever before congregations and give encouraging reports on missionary endeavors, the Literature Evangelists of the Baltimore, Maryland, District, under the leadership of Robert Moses, hosted their annual rally at Berea Temple Church on a recent Sabbath.

LE's from neighboring areas came in support of this group's efforts, illustrating the type of comradery that has developed through unity of purpose. Among those present were: Elder Noah Beasley, Allegheny East Publishing Director; Mrs. Geneva Washington, Associate Publishing Director for Delaware and the Eastern Shore and Mrs. Leola Allen, the new Student Coordinator for the conference. Each gave brief remarks.

The morning sermon was delivered by Elder Sandy Robinson, Marketing Representative for the Review and Herald Publishing Association. At the close of his sermon, several responded to enter the literature ministry. To date, these literature evangelists are responsible for over \$40,000 in sales and 10 baptisms.

Mrs. Bettye Brock  
Communication Secretary

# The Editor's Desk

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The money that was raised by students from across the country will be used for research in the area of nutrition, metabolism, influenza and other infectious diseases which the healthy as well as the cancer patient experiences.

Charles D. Battles, Principal

**CAN-O-TRACK IN MARCH**

The Indianapolis Bison Pathfinder Club of the Capitol City Church decided that they could not wait until October to go trick-or-treating for canned goods. The 13 boys and girls of the newly formed Bison Pathfinder Club, decided that people aren't just hungry during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. There are people starving today! So they decided to go Can-O-Tracking in March. By circulating flyers the week before they were to go out, informing neighbors of their endeavors; the Lord blessed them to collect \$7.00 in cash, 89 cans of food and 229 articles of clothing. This was accomplished in only a six block area. Mrs. Brenda Simpson is club director.

Charli Cartwright  
Communications Secretary

## SUNSET CALENDAR

|                      | July 26 | Aug. 2 | 9    | 16   |
|----------------------|---------|--------|------|------|
| Boston, Mass.        | 8:10    | 8:03   | 7:54 | 7:44 |
| New York City        | 8:20    | 8:12   | 8:04 | 7:54 |
| Buffalo, N.Y.        | 8:43    | 8:35   | 8:26 | 8:16 |
| Atlanta, Ga.         | 8:43    | 8:37   | 8:31 | 8:23 |
| Miami, Fla.          | 8:10    | 8:06   | 8:01 | 7:56 |
| Charlotte, N.C.      | 8:32    | 8:26   | 8:19 | 8:12 |
| Birmingham, Ala.     | 7:52    | 7:46   | 7:40 | 7:32 |
| Jackson, Miss.       | 8:03    | 7:58   | 7:52 | 7:44 |
| Memphis, Tenn.       | 8:08    | 8:03   | 7:56 | 7:48 |
| Louisville, Ky.      | 8:58    | 8:52   | 8:44 | 8:36 |
| Detroit, Mich.       | 8:59    | 8:52   | 8:43 | 8:33 |
| Chicago, Ill.        | 8:15    | 8:08   | 7:59 | 7:49 |
| South Bend, Indiana  | 8:10    | 8:02   | 7:54 | 7:44 |
| Minneapolis, Minn.   | 8:47    | 8:39   | 8:29 | 8:18 |
| St. Louis, Mo.       | 8:17    | 8:11   | 8:03 | 7:54 |
| Kansas City, Mo.     | 8:36    | 8:29   | 8:21 | 8:13 |
| Denver, Co.          | 8:19    | 8:12   | 8:04 | 7:55 |
| Little Rock, Ark.    | 8:16    | 8:11   | 8:04 | 7:56 |
| Dallas, Texas        | 8:31    | 8:25   | 8:19 | 8:12 |
| New Orleans, La.     | 7:58    | 7:53   | 7:47 | 7:41 |
| Albuquerque, N.M.    | 8:14    | 8:09   | 8:02 | 7:54 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 8:39    | 8:33   | 8:26 | 8:19 |

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.





*Merwyn Arms, in uniform, inducts Pathfinders in Montclair Church*

## **MONTCLAIR PATHFINDERS INDUCTED**

In a recent ceremony, the First Church of Montclair, New Jersey held its first Pathfinder Induction Service.

Eric Elliott, newly elected director for 1985, held his initial meeting early in January with only eight young people and assistants Rosemerrie Walton and Elaine Jackson in attendance. In only three months, the club membership had nearly tripled.

Induction for 23 Pathfinders was conducted by Merwyn Arms, General Pathfinder Coordinator for the Allegheny East Conference.

Guests included Pathfinders from the Golden Eagle Club of Teaneck, New Jersey; the Navajo Club of Jersey City, New Jersey; and the Lightbearers from the Norman Road SDA Church in Newark, New Jersey. Also present from the East Orange Club was Ruby Pascall, who was instrumental in organizing the service.

## **SHARON TEMPLE FOCUSES ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

The weather was nice and the attendance very encouraging on Religious Liberty Sabbath at Sharon Temple SDA Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Until this day, religious liberty and issues relating to separating of church and state had not made any significant difference to many members; despite the increasing number of members loosing their jobs or experiencing undue hardship on their jobs because of their religious beliefs.



*Left to right: Mrs. Leola Allen, Robert Moses and Mrs. Genevieve Washington were special platform guests for the Berea Temple LE Rally in Baltimore, Maryland.*

Hence in planning the religious liberty Sabbath, there was a need to inject some elements of rejuvenation as well as affirmation.

Immediately following the doxology, the morning worship service was brought to life by the pleasant and melodious voice of Brenda Cooper as she delivered the message "Soon I Will Be Done With The Troubles of This World." The scripture reading was selected from the book of Psalms chapter fifty-five, verses 1-5 "Fret not thyself also in the Lord, commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass . . ." The reassuring messages from the scripture reading were followed by the layout of the goals and objec-

tives of the religious liberty department. Strong emphasis was placed on total membership involvement in religious liberty activities.

In preparation for the sermon, the New Jerusalem quartet set the tone with a special selection "The Hard Fighting Soldier on the Battlefield." As the quartet returned to their seats the strong voice of Clarence E. Hodges nestled the ear drums of the congregation. As Hodges progressed into the sermon, he perfectly synchronized the messages from the songs and the scriptures reading and tempered the mood of the congregation by adequately punctuating the sermon with his personal life experiences. The sermon profoundly rejuvenated the concepts of religious liberty and strongly established the affirmation of faith in Christ.

Whereas the morning worship was over; the religious liberty Sabbath was yet to culminate. The special AY program planned by the religious liberty department featured a panel discussion of a broad spectrum of topics relating to separation of church and state. On the panel were Clarence Hodges and Allen R. Washington. The host panel comprised of representatives from the Sharon Temple Day Care, junior academy and church. To evaluate the position of the church in the past on issues of separation of church and state, the program convened with a summary review of the historical perspectives on religious liberty. Historical landmarks included; the declaration of slavery as be-



ing illegal under the law of God by a Baltimore Methodist church in 1790, the underground railroad down to the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The program proceeded with presentations from the guests. Hodges delved into his diversified wealth of knowledge as an assistant secretary of state in the Department of State and once again he abundantly nourished the intellect of the audience. Following Hodges, Allen R. Washington, director of the anti-discrimination section of the Delaware State Department of Labor outlined the operational procedure of his department and guided the audience through the various steps involved in filing charges of discrimination based on religious background. Following the guest panel presentation, the host panel presented their various departmental perspectives to illustrate the points of interaction of the Sharon Temple SDA Church and the State of Delaware.

The program concluded with a crossfire of questions and answers that left no questions unanswered.

Kayode E.M. Balogun  
Religious Liberty Secretary  
Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

### FIRST GRADER IS TOP SELLER

First grader Veronica Gordon sold over \$130.00 in PAC (Planned Achievement Corporation) products for her school during a recent fundraiser at Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware. Toward the end of the school year each student was provided the opportunity to sell household products that included: multi-purpose cleaner, degreaser, Vitamin E lotion and soap, toothbrushes and hairbrushes to their family, friends and neighbors. Twenty-five students, who seemed to be the business minded students of the student body, were actively involved in this project.

Approximately \$800.00 was realized by the students hard work. As a result of Veronica selling the highest volume of pro-



Veronica Gordon

ducts she was awarded with a \$50.00 savings bond. Upon realizing that she would have to wait seven years to receive the total value of the bond, she vowed that she would remain a student at STJA for the next seven years. Upon graduation in 1992, she will be able to cash in the bond or save it and apply that amount to her academy or high school tuition.

Veronica enrolled at STJA last fall as a first grader. She is not a SDA nor her parents or family. Her family lives a few blocks from the school and over the years have noticed the school children going to and from school. When looking for a private school to enroll Veronica last August, her grandmother visited the school and felt that STJA was the place for her granddaughter.

Hopefully the influence and drive of this first grade student who is not an Adventist will be felt by the upper grade students as well as her classmates.

### MOTHERS' DAY GALA AIDS ACADEMY

The annual Mothers' Day Banquet sponsored by the Excelsior Educational Club of Baltimore's Berea Temple Church, was attended by 250 guests. Proceeds from this affair are used for operation expenses of the Baltimore Junior Academy. This year's banquet, held in the Forum, raised over \$7,000 toward this project.

W.A. Thompson, pastor of the Bladensburg, Maryland Church served as emcee. Mrs. Grace Lassane sang "Mother" as a special dedication to all mothers.

Highlighting the evening was the introduction of the 1985 Mother of the Year, Mrs. Elsie Cofield. A two-part tribute was given to her. Mrs. Gwendolyn Rice related Mrs. Cofield's story, stressing her struggles, dedication, support of Christian education and love for Jesus. Then Mrs. Betty Brock sang "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady" with original lyrics written especially for the honoree.

A fashion show, coordinated by Mrs. Mary Smith and narrated by Mrs. Brenda West displayed spring and summer styles.

The evening's festivities closed with Charles Smith and Mrs. Betty Brock singing "The Lord's Prayer."

### EDUCATION DAY

"Christian Education: Preference or Conviction?" was the topic of Dr. Rosa T. Banks during Education Day Sabbath at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware recently. Special guests came to spend the weekend from Oakwood College in

Huntsville, Alabama. The Sharon Temple Junior Academy choir provided special music during the divine worship service along with guest soloists and a quartet from OC. The upper grades served as the elders and elderesses on the platform as well as the deacons and ushers during the morning service.

Dr. Rosa Banks serves as the Vice President for Administration and Development at Oakwood. Her message centered around a court scene where each Adventist parent was on trial and being prosecuted for their belief in Christian Education. Her message and its impact made it quite clear that if we are ever on trial for our belief in Christian Education our sentence should be based on the fact that we are totally "convicted" in the belief of Christian Education and that it is not just a preference that we have.

The Home and School Association under the leadership of Carolyn Cephas provided Sabbath dinner for the entire church family in the lower auditorium. The AY Hour focused on the role and mission of Oakwood College in Adventism. The church family was taken to OC through the superb film "Oakwood College: Winning the Race" as well as by the fine musical talent of the visiting students. The entire church recommitted themselves to the continuance of providing Christian Education for their children at STJA.

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## CENTRAL STATES

### STEPS TO CHRIST CRUSADE AT SHARON CHURCH

Mid-America Union Conference evangelist, W.G. Zima, conducted the Steps to Christ Crusade at the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, from March 9th through March 23rd.

Spiritual emphasis throughout the crusade was on salvation by faith alone. Elder Zima's ministry is based on love—the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ—not fear. Many souls, thirsting for a fuller knowledge of Christ were well watered by his simple, but insightful messages.

Elder W.S. Lee, pastor of Sharon, believes that the church is a training school. Under this guiding philosophy, a group of church members were already involved in evangelistic training with the John E. Collins program. Several of these members alternated with Elder Lee in assisting Elder Zima in the visitation evangelism, which is a vital facet of the Steps to Christ Crusade.

Visitation evangelism involves door-to-door soul winning. Its primary focus is directed to former Adventists and family members of Adventists. Individuals in this group have heard the Three Angles' Message, but for some reason have not fully committed themselves to it. Elder Zima's success with this form of evangelism lies in his deep abiding faith in, and love for, Jesus Christ.

"Searching for jewels for the Lord's kingdom," as Elder Zima refers to visitation evangelism, was an answer to prayer for Robbie Bass, church Bible worker. Enthusiastic for the opportunity to work with Elder Zima, she witnessed first-hand his effective techniques for getting a commitment from an interest. Her only disappointment was in being called to jury duty which, for several days, took her from the first love of her life—working in the Lord's vineyard. Elder Zima expressed deep appreciation for Ms. Bass' faithful assistance.

The crusade culminated in the baptism or re-baptism of 32 souls. Among those baptized was Edward Smith. You may wonder what is so unique about a man named "Ed" Smith. Well, Smith has the distinction of being a keen minded, centenarian plus three. At 103 years of age, he has the further distinction of being the oldest person baptized by Elder Zima. A special relationship developed between Elder Zima and Mr. Smith, as with the other new-

believers, during their almost daily studies together.

Although the crusade ended on March 23rd, it is still bearing fruit. Other souls that were brought into the light of Christ's saving love have made a commitment for future baptism or further study leading to baptism.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES AT BETHEL

Sister Mae Pearl Batie, our Community Services leader, is truly on the move. Each week, many families are helped as she plans food for their comfort; she makes them feel comfortable and they soon feel that they are needed in the community. Many times after working all day, Sister Batie purchases and carries food and supplies to those who are unable to pick up their supplies. Over 100 baskets were distributed recently with enough food to last for several meals.

We are truly proud of Sister Batie, and to show our appreciation, a lovely plaque was presented to her. To Sister Batie, we say, "thank you".

Mazie Mitchell  
Communication Secretary



Elder W.G. Zima, left and local elder John Mosley, right, baptizes Edward Smith.

### NEWS CAPSULE FROM PARK AVENUE CHURCH

Members brought guests to enjoy a spiritual feast for Community Guest Day at Park Avenue Church. Jewel Penton brought ten senior citizens to whom he is currently giving Bible studies. Geneva Davis brought seven guests. Elder Manuel Clay delivered an inspiring sermon entitled "Winds on a Leash", and many souls responded to his altar call to thank God for

His blessings, unworthy though we may be. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by Lillie Fultz, food service director; Ada Joyner, Grade Taylor and Mae B. Davis.

Park Avenue is now the recipient of a church van, compliments of Elder and Mrs. Edward Joyner. The van is available for transporting neighborhood residents and members to services, the clinic or for emergency.



Baptismal candidates awaiting right hand of fellowship.

### NEWS NOTE

Anita Clay, member of the Park Avenue Church, St. Louis, Missouri, recently received her M.A.T. from Webster University.



Wichita.

### CENTRAL STATES HOLD MUSICAL FESTIVAL IN DENVER

It was a beautiful day in Denver, Colorado, when hundreds of youth from all over the Central States Conference converged on the Mile High City, to praise God through the music ministry. There were solos, duets, trios, quartets, small choirs, large choirs and instrumentals. The youth represented their Federation territory, giving praise to God through their musical talents.





**L. Billock of the Northside Church, St. Louis, Missouri sang during the Festival.**

Several activities highlighted the historic occasion—Pastor Rodney Draggon, the young pastor of the Colorado Springs and Pueblo churches, rendered an outstanding keynote message Friday night, challenging the youth to serve God.

The newly elected president, Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., delivered a challenging message to the youth of Central States Conference. Music highlighted the day with choirs from Bethel (Kansas City, Kansas); College Avenue (Topeka, Kansas); Community (Denver, Colorado); and Park Hill (Denver, Colorado).

The audience came alive during the afternoon with selections from Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Omaha, Wichita, St. Louis, Des Moines, Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Kansas; Kirwood and Denver, Colorado.

The evening program was full of activity with the Central States Conference basketball/volleyball tournament, which was held at the George Washington High School in Denver. Throughout the tournament series, the winners were Linwood Temple of Kansas City, Missouri for basketball and Park Hill in Denver for volleyball.



**A musical group from the Community SDA Church, Denver, Colorado performed at the Festival.**



**A Youth Group from the College Avenue SDA Church, Topeka, Kansas sang during the Music Festival.**



**A musical ensemble from the Bethel Church, Kansas City, Kansas sang during the Festival.**

### **BETHEL WELCOMES ELDER & MRS. NED LINDSAY**

With out stretched arms and warm smiles, members and friends of Bethel, Kansas City, Kansas, welcomed their new minister and his wife, Elder & Mrs. Ned Lindsay. The Annual Spring Party was organized and planned by Shirley Platt, her daughter Rochelle, and son, Dwayne Williams. A group of about 100 met and enjoyed a very good dinner and an entertaining program. Soft music was played by Ruby Robinson and Shirley Platt. Carolyn Mitchell welcomed Elder and Mrs. Ned Lindsay. Doris Bullock added to the welcome when she presented corsages to Mrs. Lindsay and Shirley Platt. Boutonnieres were presented to Elder Ned Lindsay and Dwayne Williams.

Because of the time, patience, and enthusiasm given by Shirley Platt, she was presented a gift. Shirley has planned the spring party for eight years. Several members expressed words of praise and appreciation to Shirley. Poems were read, vocal and instrumental numbers were rendered. After a round of applause, Shirley Platt sang "You'll Never Walk Alone".

### **WINTLEY PHIPPS IN CONCERT**

Several members of Bethel Church, Kansas City, Kansas, recently presented Wintley Phipps in concert. An overflow crowd of members and friends spent an enjoyable evening. His selection of songs were a source of encouragement. Many words of wisdom were also given by the artist.

The youth choir of Bethel, under the leadership of Dan Conwell, presented several numbers. The members of the choir were arrayed in their beautiful new robes, adding to the glamour of the night. Several of the ladies who helped to sponsor the concert were dressed in lovely evening gowns and made the guests feel at home.

Shirley Platt and son, Dwayne Williams, were instrumental in planning and making all arrangements for the concert. Mrs. Martha Ewing was mistress of ceremonies, and Dwayne Williams introduced the artist. Dwayne was also responsible for the presence of Mr. Dave Dusik, KMBC, Channel 9.



## LAKE REGION

### CITY TEMPLE YOUTH WINS ELOCUTION CONTEST

Excitement ran through the audience as the seventeenth annual elocution contest was held at Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, Michigan.

There were thirty contestants. Each of their speeches was delivered enthusiastically. Thus the contest was very close.

However, it was Rhonnell Arvena McCullough who captured the hearts of the judges, as well as others who were assembled there, with her electrifying rendition of SO GREAT SALVATION. At the end of the contest Rhonnell was awarded top honors.

Rhonnell is a very industrious student. Bible and history are her favorite subjects. She is quite fond of sports; her favorite sport is baseball.

Rhonnell, age fourteen, is the daughter of Elizabeth McCullough, and the sister of Pastor Rafus McCullough of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The members at the City Temple Church in Detroit and Rhonnell's teacher, Pamela Bertram are very proud of her.

Congratulations Rhonnell!!!!

### NEWS NOTE

The Revelation Seminar conducted by Philip C. Willis and first elder, Alvin Rapp, at the Conant Gardens Church ended with the baptism of five people. As a result of this seminar, Pastor Willis is planning another Revelation Seminar in the very near future. Plans are that this Seminar will be held at a location other than the Church possibly at a building in the area, where people in the neighborhood can be more involved.

March 17 through March 30 was Revival Time at Conant Gardens Church in Detroit. The Revival was entitled "Come Alive in '85" and was conducted by Pastor Philip Willis, the pastor. During this period Pastor David Willis, brother of the pastor, from New York City presented special music and preached for the divine worship service on Sabbath, March 23. His sermon was entitled "The Day He Wore My Crown". On this Sabbath a baptism was held; a fellowship dinner for the new members; a communion service and that night, the Come Alive in '85 Revival. This was a full day for the members at the Conant Church.

On Sabbath, March 30, Evangelist Steven Borth from Sacramento, California, presented the music for worship. Evangelist Borth helped to close the revival at Conant Gardens in the evening telling about his personal experiences as a traveling evangelist.

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT BURNS

A dramatic and informative slide presentation about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse was given by Gary Loster on April 2, at Burns Avenue Church in Detroit.

Loster, a member of the Ephesus Church in Saginaw, was a former chief of the Saginaw Police Department. He is presently the head of security at the General Motors Steering Facility in Saginaw.

In his presentation, Gary identified the various types of drugs which include depressants, barbituates, amphetamines, and stimulants. He explained the effects that these drugs, as well as alcohol, could have on the human body. He recounted many tragic stories of how drugs and alcohol have taken the lives of many youths.

Loster said that one of the major causes of drug and alcohol abuse among youth is that parents don't spend enough time with them. A lack of family togetherness and a sense of not being loved have motivated thousands of young people to seek fulfillment outside of the home. According to Loster, if parents don't spend time with their children, somebody else will.

Gary Loster alerted the parents in the audience to symptoms they may look for if they suspect that their child is involved with drugs. These symptoms include the following: prefers to be alone; listens to loud music; receives strange telephone calls; prefers new friends rather than the old ones; drastic drop in grades at school.

This drug and alcohol awareness program was sponsored by the AY department of the Burns Avenue Church. The leader is Sharon Maxwell, her assistants are Deloris Taylor, Shirley Tatum and Evon White.

Tim Gardner  
Communication Secretary

### HEAVENLY FLIGHT 777

The Bethel Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently took off on a heavenly Flight as they opened their doors on Community Guest Day.

Flight 777 got off the ground at 9:15 a.m. under the expert guidance of Lucille Barnes, assistant Sabbath School superintendent.

The divine worship hour was led out with a special welcome to all guests by Sister Eddie Ward, Sabbath School superintendent. Emmanuel Foxworth, pastor of the Bethel Church, welcomed and introduced the guest speaker for the Heavenly Flight, Kenneth Adderly.

The ladies of the church prepared a most appetizing meal which was served during the fellowship hour.

Heavenly Flight 777 was brought to a close with a musical program which featured guests from the Grand Rapids area.

The Heavenly Flight was then brought to a smooth and safe landing with the pastor's closing remarks and prayer.

Myra Smith  
Communication Secretary

### IN TIMES LIKE THESE

Spectacular! Stupendous! Superb! Even these words are inadequate to describe the Motor City Youth Federation, recently held in Detroit at the City Temple church and the Greater Grace Temple.

Spearheaded by Helen C. Bryant, Motor City Federation president, the Federation boasted a magnificent program.

Charles W. Drake III, pastor of the City Temple Church, extended a most gracious welcome to representatives from sister churches when the Federation began its sessions on Friday evening in City Temple.

In Times Like These was a fitting theme for the Federation meetings. As members in the congregation lifted their voices in praise, the words of the theme song, *Renewing of Your Mind*, could be heard throughout the church building.

On Sabbath morning, the Greater Grace Temple's auditorium was filled to capacity as the Federation members assembled for Sabbath School and for the divine worship service.

At the beginning of the worship service the pathfinders, under the leadership of Jewel Elliott and Amos Bell, participated in the witnessing parade. The ministry through music was presented by the mass choir.

Guest speaker for the divine worship service was Anthony Lewis, pastor of the Reid Memorial Church in East St. Louis.

Helen Bryant, president of the Motor City Youth Federation and a teacher in the Detroit Public schools, was presented with two awards. She was presented the Spirit of Detroit Award from the City Council of Detroit, in recognition of the Federation's exceptional achievements outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life for youths.



The second award was a proclamation from the office of the mayor in recognition of the Federation's outstanding achievements and services to the city.

The Motor City Federation officers worked very hard to make this federation meeting an unforgettable experience. The officers include Helen Bryant, president; Allene Loster and Juanita Martin, vice presidents; Sandra Ziglor, secretary; Hudie Davis, treasurer; Helen Alexander and Gertrude Watson, usher coordinators; Theodore Brown, chaplain; Jewel Elliott and Amos Bell, area coordinators for pathfinders; Lelia Lindsey, AY Booster Club coordinator.

### SHILOH ALUMNI RECEIVES DEGREE

Clyfford D. Hazell, former student of the Shiloh Academy in Chicago, was recently graduated from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama with a B.S. degree in Biology.

Clyfford, more affectionately known as Kip, was an honor student at Oakwood College and was elected to Who's Who Among American College and University Students and Outstanding Young Men of America. In addition to these honors, he is a charter member of the Honor's College and received the Biology Department Medal from Oakwood.

Kip has been accepted at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is already attending classes there.

Norma Barber Hazell, Clyfford's mother and his grandparents, Elder and Mrs. T. Samuel Barber are extremely proud of

their son's progress. Elder Barber is the director of the literature evangelists for Lake Region Conference.

### ADVENTIST YOUTH SHOW OF TALENT

The Ephesus Church of Marion, Indiana recently held its first show of talent program. The participants on the program were children and adults from the Ephesus Church and the visitors from the First Church also located in Marion.

The host pastor, Hosie Hatchett, opened the evening's program with prayer. Fred Turner, pastor of the First Church led the congregation in a rousing song service.

A trio composed of Tedra Daniel and Carla Woolfork from Ephesus and Joette Kinman from First Church presented a beautiful rendition of *This World is Not My Home*.

The Song entitled "More" was sung by Crissy Costner, a member of Ephesus. Adult participation on the talent program was led out by Thomas L. Nukes, local elder for the Ephesus Church. He displayed his talent by singing *It's My Desire*.

Another musical selection was presented by Fred Turner, local elder of First Church, Barbara Goad and David Marks, also from First. They were joined by Frank Washington, a member from Ephesus in their rendition of *Because of Who You Are*.

Other Participants on the talent program were Annie Rowe, Ephesus A.Y. leader, Carolyn Spears and Ronda Spears, both

from Ephesus; and Shirley Wimsack for the Eastside Church in Indianapolis.

The final musical selection was rendered by Hermia Hatchett, wife of the Ephesus pastor and also the main sponsor of the youth show of talent.

At the close of the AY program members from both the Ephesus and First Churches joined together in an hour of fellowship.

James Buford  
Communication Secretary

### VISITORS DAY AT SOUTH SHORE CHURCH

Visitors Day at the South Shore Spanish Church in Chicago brought out thirty visitors from the neighborhood who attended Sabbath School and the divine worship service.

At the close of the worship service all the visitors were served a delicious lunch. This is a regular practice at the South Shore Church.

The members and guests were later transported to the Shiloh Church in Chicago for a baptismal service. The four new members are Domingo Recendes, Gloria Uribe and her daughters Lupe and Nancy.

Pictured in the background is Lucy Avila, Sabbath School superintendent and to the far right is Gloria Uribe who was recently baptized. These two ladies are pictured with children from the branch Sabbath School that they are in charge of. Sister Uribe is a poet and loves children. Both of these talents are quite beneficial in the work that she does.



Some who attended G.R. Earle banquet.



Janel, George and Vernelle Earle.



Pastor Lister holds bag that contains gifts that were given to Elder Earle.



C.D. Brooks addressed all



H.A. Lindsey as he gives words of appreciation to George R. Earle.



## NEWS NOTE

The first months of this year have brought joy to the members of the Sharon Milwaukee Church. Their basketball team won second place in the Chicagoland division. Then four of their youth, namely Casandra McCoy, Violet Jones, Linda Tymes and Nathaniel Jenkins, Jr., won second place in the Bible Bowl games which were held at Reid Memorial Church in East St. Louis. Trophies for both events were presented to the A.Y. Society.

## NEWS NOTE

Community Guest Day at the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana was a most thrilling day which began with song service led by A.Y. leader Annie Rowe. Robert Casey, Sabbath School superintendent, later welcomed some fifty guests to Ephesus.

Special guest speaker for the Community Guest Day was Charles Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference. Elder Joseph's message emphasized how the plight of ancient Israel in the wilderness is closely associated with today's present situation.

Following the worship service a fellowship dinner was held at the Marion, Indiana Prince Hall Housing Authority recreation room. Over 90 members and guests were served.

## NEWS NOTE

Local Elder Thomas L. Nukes, from the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana, was invited to his former church, Bethel A.M.E. Church, to be guest speaker, on a Sunday morning during the regular hour of worship. The title of his sermon was "Motive". He was recently invited back for a second speaking assignment. This sermon was titled "Law and Grace". Although Thomas Nukes is employed as a laboratory technician for Marion, Indiana's General Tire Plant, it seems evident that he also has other talents.

## NORTHEASTERN

### NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SALUTES PRESIDENT AND MRS. GEORGE R. EARLE

Lehman College Concert Hall in Bronx, New York was filled to capacity Saturday night, June 8th, as Northeastern Conference staged a glowing tribute to President and Mrs. George R. Earle who have served in Northeastern Conference for the past 37

years. During 18 of these years of labor of love, Elder Earle led the constituency as President of the conference with his wife, Vernelle, loyally at his side as 1st Lady of Northeastern.

The tributes of honor began with an outstanding musical program which included: Hanson Place Choir, Bethel Church Children's Choir, Northeastern Academy Choir, The Cantata Choir, The Apocalipsis Quartet, Emmanuel Temple Chorale, and soloist Lynda Elliott and Edwina Humphrey.

Under Elder Earle's dynamic leadership Northeastern Conference has been dubbed "the fastest growing conference among the regional conferences". The conference secretary, Elder Harold Baptiste, detailed the growth of Northeastern under Elder Earle's leadership. Percentage increases include:

218% growth in the conference work force

245% growth in the number of churches in the conference (35 to 86)

258% growth in conference church memberships (10,442 to 27,102)

Tithe increase: 1 million, 300 thousand to 9 million 300 dollars, 1984

Northeastern Conference, under President Earle, has become the 4th largest conference in the North American Division and the largest conference in the Atlantic Union.

Tributes were expressed on behalf of the Atlantic Union Conference by President Earl Amundson. Dr. Robert Woodfork represented the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Friends of the Earles and guests were present from throughout North America.

The Musical was followed by "Moments to Remember—This is Your Life, Elder George Roland Earle".

Segments of Elder Earle's biography included:

Early childhood and youth in St. Petersburg, Florida

Oakwood Academy and College, Huntsville, Alabama

Army, Fort McCellan, Alabama

Marriage, Birmingham, Alabama

St. Petersburg, Florida and California

South Atlantic Conference

Northeastern Conference

Program Chairman was Elder J.P. Willis, assisted by Elder Stennett Brooks and a committee of workers and laymen. Elder Trevor Baker and Mr. James Gaynor served as Masters of Ceremonies.

Presentations, plaques, and gifts of tribute and good wishes of our church memberships and organizations were ex-

pressed in many forms. A fitting climax of the program was the presentation to the Earles of the gifts deposited for them in the "Earle Wishing Well" as church representatives, friends, and guests filed by filling "the well".

The tribute-filled week-end continued with a breakfast honoring the Earles on Sunday A.M. attended by conference workers and out-of-town guests.

Later on Sunday, The Concerned Committee for Christian Education honored the Earles at the Emerald Coronation held at the Waldorf-Astoria in Manhattan. The Committee presented the Earles with gifts of esteem: His and Hers gold wrist watches.

Edna Lett Williamson

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES MOTHER'S AND LADIES DAY

Sabbath, May 11 was declared Mother's and Ladies Day at Christian Fellowship Church, Brooklyn, New York. Each lady was greeted with a carnation on that special day.

The speaker for the Day was Beverly Lee, one of the pioneer members of this church and mother of three. In her sermon she emphasized the importance of a mother's dedication and consistent prayer for her children. Mrs. Lee said, mothers should call their children by name in their prayers.

The service ended in a call for all mothers to dedicate their lives to Christ.

Cecile McLean and Jewell Jackson were honored as "Mothers of the Year".

Veronica LaMar, the first lady of Christian Fellowship and mother of three, was the coordinator of the Day.

Lorna Scott  
Communication Secretary

### STANDING ROOM ONLY FOR VISITOR'S DAY

Sabbath, April 20, 1985 was Community Guest Day at Bethany S.D.A. Church, Westbury, Long Island. If you were a guest at Bethany that day, you would have been ecstatic and probably shout, "Quickly come, Lord Jesus come!" It was a day to be remembered.

The musical highlight for the day were the Lamplighters and their patrons from the Berea Temple S.D.A. Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

This guest day was just very special from the start of the Sabbath School Hour, through the mid-day service, and the A.Y.S. hour. Conducting the Sabbath





*Jewell Jackson, left, Mother of the Year receives a kiss as her husband looks on.*

School lesson as a whole was Pastor Edward Richardson from the Berea Temple S.D.A. Church. Little three year old Phillip Bacchus exercised his talent in the service of the Lord by closing-out Sabbath School with the solo "Are You Tired of Chasing Pretty Rainbow." The musical instrument accompanying him was the guitar played by his father.

By the 11 a.m. service, there was standing room only. The mid-day service was another tremendous phase of the day's program. Bethany had the usual itinerary for a regular Divine Hour but it was the participants and their message that was special. Special mention must be made of little Sherman Farrie who prayed the most beautiful prayer during the Children's Story Time. Next on the agenda were the Lamplighters. They brought the special music and song of meditation.

For the 'breaking of the bread' Bethany's minister Pastor Stafford Byers spoke on "The Field Guide To The Future".

In the evening, the Lamplighters conducted a musical concert. They sang: "Great is the Lord", "Jesus is the Answer", "It Is Well With My Soul", "Rise Again", "I Wanna Be Ready" and lots more. It was also a stunning sight to behold these boys and girls in the group's formal attire: the girls wore flowing long immaculate white gowns; and the boys — they were neatly attired in black suits with black accessories and frilled white shirts.

The Lamplighters have a total of 32 boys and girls in the group and all are under age

13. Their director is H. Rose Willingham.

Although the director and her group are now located in Baltimore, Maryland, the original Lamplighters were founded (by the same sister) in Westbury, Long Island in the 1960's.

Sonia Walker  
Communication Secretary

### LEBANON CELEBRATES FIRST LADIES' DAY

"Christian women arise, uplift others" was the theme as the Lebanon SDA church in Laurelton, N.Y. held its first Ladies' Day on May 11, 1985.

The Sabbath School program began with prayer by Claire Smith, Mary Merritt served as the Secretary, Dorothy Burch and Rosa Lee Watson presented the Mission story giving highlights of the service

rendered by Anna Knight. Yvonne Pittmon, Edwina Humphrey, Rose Webber and Lois Wesly taught the Sabbath School, as a whole. The Sabbath School superintendent was Wilma Nanton-King.

Patricia Langley — Director of Religious Instruction at Bronx SDA church in Bronx, N.Y. was the speaker for the Divine Hour. Following the service a well prepared dinner was served by the men of the church.

The day continued with an excellent program in the afternoon. A panel discussion entitled "The Role of the Adventist Woman" was presented by Elsie Hall and Lennie Cummings. A film was shown on the Second Coming of Jesus, followed by a dramatic presentation "The Call". The final song "We Shall Behold Him" sung by the Lebanon Church choir brought the congregation to its feet, and a spirit filled Sabbath to a close.

### CHILDREN'S DIVISION PRESENTS PROGRAM

The Children's division of the South Brooklyn Church, Brooklyn, New York presented the 13th Sabbath program on March 30.

The program featured two musical numbers presented by the combined classes of the Cradle Roll, Kindergarten and Primary. They sang: "The B-I-B-L-E" and "Sabbath Day", a song written and composed by Mary Allen, a teacher in Kindergarten class.

Anthony Wells, Jr. and Eric Monk recited a poem entitled, "God's House". Another poem, "10 Little Candles" was recited by Joyce Clement, Raymon Saltus, Candy (a visiting guest) Shanise Singleton and Dinsdale Newton.

The teachers responsible for this program were: Mollie McCoy, Mary Allen and Mary Clement.



*Participants on the Mother and Ladies Day. Left to right: Violet Tigner, Mary Brooks, Beverly Lee (speaker), Claudine Celestin, Myrna James and Shelly Mortley.*



## SOUTH CENTRAL

### EDUCATION DAY AT HILLCREST CHURCH

Mr. Nathaniel G. Higgs, Director of Education for South Central Conference was guest speaker for Education Day at Hillcrest SDA Church, Nashville, Tennessee on April 27. Higgs spoke on "Herpetology", the branch of zoology dealing with reptiles.

The students of the F.H. Jenkins Elementary School, Nashville participated in the program. The School's band under the direction of John L. Green presented a musical selection. In addition, the students recited Bible verses and performed a choral number.

Marion L. Patton, an alumna of the school was interviewed by Martha Hardin concerning the beginnings of the Old Meharry Boulevard SDA School, now F.H. Jenkins Elementary School. The school is named for the late Elder Fitzgerald Jenkins, former Youth Director for South Central Conference.

At the end of the Day a science exhibit was on display. There were all sorts of electronic, propelled and hydro devices created by the students.

Delores C. Grant  
Correspondent

### HENDERSON AVENUE CHURCH SPONSORS A HEALTH FAIR

The Henderson Avenue church, Gulfport, Mississippi sponsored a Health Fair May 8 through May 24 at the church each Wednesday and Friday, 7-8 P.M.

Doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists, nutritionists and other health team professionals discussed preventative habits, treatments and medical cares for physical and emotional disorders.

Topics discussed included: Nutritional Status of Black Americans, Dental Care, Lung Cancer in Black Americans, Drug Abuse, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Sickle Cell Anemia and Child Development, Eye disease, Ear Care, Hypertension and Diabetes.

The newspaper carried stories of the health workshops and a five article spread by the pastor, Vincent E. White under "Words to Live By." "Words to Live By" is a joint project of the Mid-Gulf Coast Ministerial Association and the Sun/The Daily Herald. White's article was in the newspaper three months after he moved into the district, in January of this year.



Mrs. Marion Patton gives a brief history of the F.H. Jenkins School.



Grades 5-8 giving a band selection during the program.

### EDUCATION DAY AT BETHANY

Christian Education Day was celebrated at Bethany in Montgomery, Alabama on April 20. This is an annual event where church members, parents and teachers promote the principles of Christian Education as a vital and a unique part of child training. Superintendent, Nathaniel Higgs of the South Central Conference School System was the guest speaker. Elder Higgs was principal of the F.L. Peterson Academy, Detroit, Michigan and Oakwood Academy, Huntsville, Alabama.

The students and teachers of the Day Care and the Academy were featured during the Sabbath School and the Worship

services. Temperance posters on alcohol and drugs were displayed by seventh graders. The Day Care students and the Academy Choir rendered the special music for the morning.

Some parents praised the school for the dedicated service and positive influence on the students. The pastor, Elder R.L. Patterson gave words of welcome to the parents, guests and their friends. Great reading skill was shown by the first graders who gave the scripture reading for the morning, from Genesis 1, 2:1-3.

Superintendent Higgs' message was both challenging and shocking as he read Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wis-





## PRESLEYS DEMONSTRATE AT G.C.

Mrs. W. Pressley and family demonstrated at the G.C. headquarters for a seven day period in front of the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C. in protest of their alleged treatment while they were in Africa serving as missionaries for the church.

## NEW HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

April 20, 1985 was the second annual Community guest Day at the New Heights Church in Jackson, MS. Featured were State Senator Douglas Anderson, City Council Candidate Shirley Watson and Mrs. Vera Grace, principal of Lake Elementary School.

Senator Anderson's early contacts with the church was through the ministry of Elder Richard Bell, III. Both Mrs. Watson and Senator Anderson expressed the importance of the church's role in education. Mrs. Vera Grace, member of Berean Church in Jackson, and principal of Lake Elementary School, emphasized the importance of involvement in Christian Education.

The Sabbath School lesson was taught by Pastor T.L. Blevins. He also gave a history on "What Seventh-Day Adventism Means." The pastor spoke on the subject "Who is My Neighbor" in the worship service.

After the fellowship dinner that followed the worship service, was an "OLE TIME GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT." The Jackson Advocate News, three TV stations and four radio stations carried the story.

Geneva Young  
Communication Secretary

## BETHANY HONORS TEACHERS

A red and white candlelight ceremony highlighted a Teachers' Appreciation Program in Montgomery, Alabama at the Bethany church on May 5. The theme of the occasion was "EXCELLENCE THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION."

After a tribute to the teachers by the students, a memory book and plaque was presented to each teacher. The principal, director and teachers lit a "Unity Candle" signifying unity of purpose in Christian education. The song "You Light Up My Life" was sung by the students.

The program was coordinated by Patricia Brown, the Home and School Leader. Rose Claibon is principal of the Academy. Addie Myrick is the Director of the Day Care Center and Kindergarten.

## WILLIAM GRAY SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT

William Gray, the chairman of the U.S. Budget Committee was the commencement speaker at the time of the graduation exercises at the Meharry Medical/Dental schools this year. Dr. Reginald Coopwood is the president of the graduating class.



## NEWS NOTE

The AYS of the Maranatha church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama was recently engaged in a fund raising program to benefit the society. They went over their goal and contributed the overflow of funds to the church building program. Celestine Bell is the AYS leader.

Lu Williams  
Communication Secretary

dom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Higgs insisted that each child should develop as Jesus did: in wisdom, mentally; in stature, physically, and in favor with God - spiritually; and in favor with man - socially. In the appeal, the church, adults and children, responded showing a desire to develop as did Jesus.

Dorothy Sanders  
Communication Secretary

## BETHANY HOSTS SO. ALABAMA FEDERATION

The South Alabama Community Service Federation met with the Conference Coordinator, J.E. Joiner, on April 28, in Montgomery, Alabama.

During the Sabbath School hour, Elder Joiner introduced a new Sabbath School Personal Ministries Program. The Afternoon session was highlighted with reports from South Alabama Churches. Special emphasis was placed on the need and urgency of talent discovery and utilization of individual talents in community service work.

As an added attraction of things done in Bethany's Community Service Department, a sewing exhibit was displayed and a delicious lunch was prepared by the Community Service Cooking Class. Elder Roy Patterson was the host pastor.

Dorothy Sanders  
Communication Secretary



## SOUTHWEST REGION



*We marvel at the fact that the Philadelphia School has been in operation for 66 years, and has served the denomination well with students and teachers. (Pictured the new edifice and school)*

### PHILADELPHIA CHURCH MOVES INTO NEW FACILITIES

The Philadelphia SDA Church, Shreveport, LA dates back to 1914, after an evangelistic crusade was conducted by a Pastor King. The group moved from place to place until they were finally located on Madison Avenue. Here they remained for 51 years.

When Elder A.L. Teele came to pastor the church in January 1984, it was decided it was time to find larger facilities because the church had grown. As Elder Teele tells the story, it was Providence that guided him to Greenwood Road. There he found adequate facilities for the church and school, which has operated for 66 years.

The Grand Opening was celebrated the weekend of March 16. The visitors were able to witness the following: 1) A spacious Main Auditorium with seating capacity of over 400 with a balcony; 2) A chapel to accommodate the overflow crowd; 3) A two story education building with 27 classrooms; 4) A pastor's study and other rooms; 5) Central heat and air; 6) carpet, and two houses for Community Services.

The property was appraised for over \$400,000. With the sales of their former property, the parishioners are able to worship without a financial strain.

C.M. Akins  
Reporter



*The smiles of the Philadelphia Church School Staff, is encouraging as they stand in front of the new church school. (Principal T. Bell standing in the rear)*



*Pathfinder Staff Training Seminar*



*Killeen SDA Church observes Pathfinder Day*





*Elder & Mrs. Roy Wright*

## **NEW PASTOR FOR TULSA CHURCH IN OKLAHOMA**

Elder Roy A. Wright has been appointed the new pastor of the Tulsa Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Elder Wright has pastored in Allegheny East Conference—Delaware and New Jersey. He also served for three years in the U.S. Army.

Wright received his B.A. degree from Oakwood College and M.Divinity from Andrews University. He is married to former Christine Foxworth. They have one daughter, Cheryl, 9.

Doris Jones  
Correspondent

## **PICTORIAL STORIES**



*B.E. Wright presenting Jeraldine Bernard with a plaque for coordinating the Pathfinders in Southern Louisiana for over 10 years.*



*Pastor Stanley came with his church from Cou-shatta, they won in 2-20; 4-40 Relay. He stands with all of his church honors.*



*Pastor A.L. Teele & Principal T. Bell rejoice that they have purchased the new church and school for \$250,000.00. They have been conducting this school for 66 years.*



*Cedar Grove participated in all field events and won trophies.*



## OAKWOOD COLLEGE



*The Honorable M.L. Abubakar, right, Consul of Nigeria recently visited Oakwood. Standing with Mr. Abubakar is the President of the International Student Organization.*

### NIGERIAN OFFICIAL VISITS OAKWOOD

The International Students Organization of Oakwood College was the proud host of the Honorable M.L. Abubakar, Consul of Nigeria, on Thursday, April 18, 1985.

Though Mr. Abubakar's visit was primarily social, he met with the Nigerian students of Huntsville to discuss some of their concerns. The main issues up for discussion included foreign exchange, the Nigerian economy, and education in the U.S.

As the students brought forth their concerns, the Consul General mainly offered them encouragement to study hard, and try to conform to the policies and standards of foreign student exchange though it could often be trying. He also spoke concerning the tremendous need for the young students to expose themselves to the various High-tech fields, assuring them great marketability on the Nigerian homefront.

The greatest concern however, seemed to be the problem of converting Nigerian exchange into American currency. The students complained of the process as being long and burdensome, but Mr. Abubakar explained the budgetary problems often affect the exchange.

Mr. Abubakar is currently in charge of Nigerian government affairs in the southeastern and south central portions of the United States. He therefore issues visas to tourists, governmental officials, businessmen, manufacturers, etc., who plan to visit Nigeria, which is the only black African nation with two consuls in the U.S.

Garrett Caldwell

### PASCHAL PRESENTS A PICTURE OF THE CLASS OF '45

At the time of the last Board of Directors Meeting, L.A. Paschal, the president of the National Alumni Association presented a picture of the graduating class to Dr. C.B. Rock. Mrs. John Richard Ford of San Diego, California also presented a clock to the president for the board meeting room.



*Lee Paschal, left, presents picture of '45 graduating class to C.B. Rock.*

### NEWS FROM OAKWOOD COLLEGE MR. AND MRS. JASPER PRESTON HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Preston of South Carolina were honored at the time of the graduation services at Oakwood College this past June as the outstanding parents. These dear members have sacrificed and sent their children to Oakwood each year for the past twenty-five years. The last child was in this year's graduating class.



*Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Preston*



*Donald Miller headed the seven-day Health Fair in the Mall.*

### NEW LIFE MINISTRIES SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

The New Life Ministries of Oakwood College sponsored a seven day Health Fair during the month of April. THE MALL of Huntsville became the temporary headquarters for the operation, and a great service was done for the local and city-wide community.

Mr. Donald Miller headed out the operation through which over 1,000 area residents were helped. People had the chance to have their blood pressure taken and weight checked, and literature on avoiding hypertension, drugs, and on how to stop smoking was disseminated.

500 people signed up for the health newsletter, and 20 people joined the 5-day stop smoking plan. Surely the New Life Ministries organization is proud to be living up to its goal, as stated by Mr. Miller, "To show the community that we care."



*The Van was parked in the Mall to be used for blood pressure screening and other health related examination.*



# IN THE NEWS

## C.E. DUDLEY HONORED

Dr. C.E. Dudley was given a beautiful plaque for being an outstanding support of the Oakwood College. The award was during the commencement exercises. Dudley has served on the board of directors for the past twenty-three years. Each year the South Central Conference awards a \$100.00 stipend to each graduate from that conference at the time of graduation. The conference also sends approximately 54 matching award scholarships to the school annually. Recently the conference executive given committee voted to give a full scholarship to a student from its area who is in attendance at the college.

## HEALTH AND FOOD FAIR HELD AT NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY

On Sunday May 26, at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Northeastern Academy co-sponsored a Health Fair given by the Inner City Department of the Northeastern Conference of S.D.A. Contiguous with this, the Junior class sponsored an International Food Fair.

The Health Fair consisted of tests and screening for Hypertension, Sickle Cell Anemia, Tuberculosis, Diabetes, Vision acuity, Cancer and Glaucoma. There were also Films and Exhibits such as health food display, health books, Smoking Sam, breast-self-examination, Live or Die, CPR, and the Hemlock Demonstration and a health literature display.

The Health Fair coordinator, Mrs. Myrtle Pickett, R.N. called it a tremendous success. Many people from the community came in to support the Fair.

After attending the Health Fair, participants were able to go to the cafeteria where they purchased various foods from 10 different countries; Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Pakistan, Martinique, Haiti, St. Lucia, Monserat, Central America and U.S.A.

The purpose of this International Food Fair was to raise funds for the Junior class. This goal was overwhelmingly achieved.

The day turned out to be a great one.

Yanic Thomas  
Correspondent

## OBITUARY

Flowers, Josephine J., born December 2, 1914, Wilmington, Delaware; died May 27, 1985, Christiana, Delaware. She was a member of the Sharon Temple Church in Wilmington, Delaware. After graduating from Oakwood College in 1948, she worked as a school teacher in the South Central Conference. She later served as Bible worker for many ministers: W.A. Thompson, George Rainey, E.E. Cleveland, Walter Starks, Luther Palmer, Auldwin Humphrey, Melvin Hayden, Henry Fordham, III, Harry Cartwright, William Ervin, W.L. Cheatham, Frank Cardona and William Hall. Mrs. Flowers was instrumental in bringing over 2,000 souls to Christ. She was committed to Christian Education. Her strong influence helped in the establishment of Sharon Temple Junior Academy. She not only served as a Bible Instructor but a spiritual counselor to others. She gave a total of nineteen years of service to the Bible work for the General Conference of SDA.

She leaves to cherish her memories a brother Richard Henry Johnson and a nephew both of Wilmington, Delaware, three great nieces, two great-nephews, one great, great-niece, many god-daughters, as well as a host of sons and daughters in Christ.

## CAMDEN HOSTS LE'S

The Mt. Olivet Church in Camden, New Jersey was the scene of a recent Literature Evangelist Rally. Over 50 workers came to share their enthusiasm and their experiences with the waiting congregation. Several were presented with trophies for their 1984 sales. They reported that during the year 1984, the LE's in the Allegheny East Conference had distributed over \$854,000 worth of literature and had been instrumental in baptizing 251 persons.

C.M. Willis, former Associate Director of the General Conference Publishing Department delivered the morning sermon. The invitational appeal in song by Mrs. Lee Davis, was in itself a message: "My house is full but my fields are empty. Who will come and work today? Everyone loves to come and sit at the table, but who will go to the fields?"

This question was answered in the affirmative by 12 people who soon will begin training to "go into the fields."

Nicetta Davis  
Correspondent

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